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REMEMBER

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Arnie,
thank you for your letter.

As you have observed, administrations' bans on amateur communications with certain countries is a sad fact of life. The situation in Libya is not unique. As but one example, it was not so long ago that some countries banned communication with amateurs in Communist countries.

Every administration has a sovereign right to set licensing conditions. Every licensee, whether a resident of the country or not, is obligated to observe those conditions. The only alternatives are either to not accept the license or to not operate. That's a personal decision of each licensee/operator.

From the standpoint of DXCC accreditation we cannot fault someone for abiding by the licensing conditions they were given.

From talking with some of the 5A7A operators, I know that the situation was as frustrating for them as it was for the operators who were unable to make contact with them. On the other hand, normalization of amateur radio in a country such as Libya where licenses have not generally been available, usually takes time. Progress is made in small steps, as in the case of the People's Republic of China during the 1980s. Generally the administration must be persuaded to allow some limited operation. If no problems arise, the limitations may be relaxed in the future. The ultimate goal, of course, is for amateurs in the country to be able to communicate freely across the various barriers that divide people, in the best traditions of amateur radio. To achieve that goal, patience is necessary (but unfortunately, not sufficient by itself).

Finally, with regard to your point about funding, the only funding of DXpeditions by the ARRL is provided through the Colvin Award. The Colvin Award did not provide any funding for 5A7A.

73,
David Sumner, K1ZZ

little trivia?

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What were the call letters of the 500,000 watt standard AM radio station in Cincinnati, Ohio that caused residential light bulbs in the vicinity of the antenna to glow while the wall switch was in the OFF position?

WLW

This famous radio station was one of the few which had this very high wattage, and was later reduced by FCC decree.

TALK ABOUT A CALIFORNIA KILOWATT.

ONE MORE

How young was the youngest Amateur Radio Operator?

4 YEARS OLD

WHY?



CAN I SLEEP NOW? THAT WAS HARD WORK

I SWEAR, I WAS IN BAND





==>"CELLULAR TELEPHONE" BILLS POSE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR HAM RADIO OPERATION

Bills aimed at thwarting "driving while cellular" and "driving while distracted" behavior have been introduced in several states, and most are worded broadly enough to potentially proscribe some Amateur Radio mobile operation. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, so far has catalogued 11 active pieces of legislation.

Bills introduced in Montana and New Mexico have been sidelined for now, but related measures -- more than one in some states -- remain alive in Georgia, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. Henderson reports that ARRL Field Organization volunteers and members called the League's attention to the various pieces of pending legislation, none of which specifically exempt Amateur Radio mobile operation.

"In most cases we try to work to have language exempting Amateur Radio inserted into the bill, rather than narrowing by definition the behavior or activity the bill seeks to address," Henderson explains. "It is a far easier approach and removes ambiguity down the road."

Henderson says that, if requested, the League will advise radio amateurs preparing to testify about a bill before a state legislative committee. "We offer some suggestions regarding what to cover and how to approach their testimony," he said. "We also will speak with legislators or their aides to try and clarify questions or help them craft language that help accomplish our goal of specifically exempting Amateur Radio operation from these measures." Most of the measures include exceptions for emergency communication and law enforcement agencies.

THE PREZ SPEAKS

At the last meeting, a spirited discussion was held regarding the recent 5A7A DXpedition. The outcome of the discussion was a narrowly contested vote in favor of the Club taking a position with respect to the amateurs who agreed to limitation imposed by Libya against making any contacts with Israeli amateurs, the ARRL for its decision to certify the DXpedition for credit, and CQ for similarly not taking a position in opposition to the imposed restriction. It would be fair to say that I was uncomfortable in the extreme with the task of writing the required letters to the ARRL and CQ, given the narrow margin by which the decision to act was made. It is my absolute intent to represent ALL of the Club's members in the best way possible, and the outcome of the vote left me in an awkward position, to say the least. Without naming names, I will tell you all that I have received some pretty tough feedback from some individuals strongly opposed to the Club's taking any action in the matter, and some equally strong feedback from members in support of our speaking out.



In trying the thread the eye of this needle, I have created two letters, one each for the ARRL and CQ, neither of which demands anything or commits the Club to any action. The letters do, however, express disappointment that the DXpeditioners agreed to the restriction against making 4X contacts, and that neither the ARRL nor CQ took any public stand on the matter. In other words, in the case of the ARRL, it was one thing for “the national association for amateur radio” to decide to sanction the operation, but it would have been much more palatable if in doing so it had also expressed its opinion that the restriction ran counter to the spirit of international goodwill that ideally should characterize the global community of amateur radio operators. I expressed a similar view in the letter to CQ.

The Prez continued

It is my hope that, in handling the matter in this manner, all members of the Club will be able to be on board with the notion that, in the 21st century, notions of international walls against human communication are to be deplored, whether they are erected in Libya, North Korea, or even our own United States. I repeat: it is my goal to represent the SCDXC membership in its entirety. I hope that by handling the current situation in the manner I have described, I have been able to serve the Club and its members well. I also hope that such difficult situations will not be everyday occurrences over the course of the year! I have sent copies of the letters to Jim, N6DHZ for posting on the SCDXC website. Please take the time to view the letters to see whether I have managed to negotiate the rapids of this controversy acceptably, and don't hesitate to let me know how you think things like this should be handled in the future. Short of a Club decision never to take any positions on any controversial issues, however, it is likely that something akin to this will recur in the future, and as leaders in our hobby, we arguably do have some responsibility to set the example for our fellow amateurs. Okay, 'nuff said.

The year appears to be off to a nice start for the SCDXC. We've got lots of good stuff coming, and it's coming soon. Here's an overview of our year so you can mark your calendar. First, we've got the International DX Convention coming up in April. Officially, it's Saturday and Sunday, 4/28-29. Of course, most will arrive on Friday to check in, eyeball and/or golf, and perhaps go to one of the unofficial Friday night Convention dinners: Contest, IOTA, FOC, or "just plain friends in a restaurant somewhere". Some of us, eager to get a jump on the weekend, will even arrive on Thursday. Check out the nicely developing website information at www.dxconvention.org. Incidentally, for those that don't already know, the John Jay is now a Comfort Inn, but they're honoring all old reservations. If you signed up last year for a room but haven't been called by them to confirm, you should get in touch NOW.

REMEMBER
THERE'S NO SCDXC MEETING IN APRIL

The Prez continued again

Next the SCDXC picnic will be held on Saturday, 6/2 at Woodley Park. As always, we expect great company, great food, the usual raffle, and a special raffle item, yet to be determined. Last year's special item was an IC-7000, so you'll want to pay close attention to see what the Board selects this year. The Summer Bash will be on Sunday, 8/26 in Poway, hosted by the San Diego DX Club. Last year's Bash will be hard to beat, but you can bet lots of us will be down there to have great time. In September, we'll have the usual club auction, so save up all your...er...great stuff for the generally raucous event. Finally, the holiday brunch will again be held at the Orange Hill Restaurant. The date will be Sunday, 12/2; the time will be noon. As in previous years, there'll be a raffle, another "special" prize, prizes for the spouses, enough food to feed an army, and a few pithy (and short) comments from me. There are a couple of non-SCDXC but important events to enter on your calendar, as well. First up is the Dayton Hamvention. This year it'll be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 5/18, 19, 20. I belong to MARCO, which reserves a block of rooms there for its annual meeting in the even numbered years, so I won't be there in '07 but will again in '08, as I have every two years since 1992. If you have never been to "Dayton", you must make the pilgrimage at least once before you die. It has to be experienced to be believed. Would you believe a swap meet with 2000 stalls? Check out the info at www.hamvention.org. The website is rather bare right now but it should contain more information as the convention date gets closer. The second event to note on your calendar is Hamcon, the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, to be held at the Torrance Marriott Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9/7, 8, 9. There's currently a website for the convention, www.hamcon.org, but it's not overly informative as of this writing. Check it periodically.

As your President, I'm always open to feedback and suggestions, so contact me anytime if you've got ideas or feedback. Also, I want to encourage you to contact VP Sharon with program ideas. As we've said many times, it's tough to find good, exciting programs every month, and so the VP needs input. All you need to do is make the suggestion. She (and/or we) will run with it!

See you at the meeting. 73,JW, K6JW

CHECK YOUR CLUB WEB SITE, FOR LATEST NEWS.

<http://www.scdxc.org>

THE EDITOR

As I sat and tried to think of something to say, it dawned on me that I am very short this month. Got some really good stuff from Dave Bell but wont show till April. And April will have it's fill of the convention. So what to do. Could use your help too.

I decided to go surfing and you see what I could find. No more analog TV, I think they mean the audio tuners, no more CW, no more Cell phone use with out head phones in cars, wonder how that will affect the Amateur and no more, no more and then there was none.

I am totally surprised that some one tutored a 4 year old to pass the test, or is this the extent of our knowledge necessary to pass a technical exam. I knew that the exams were getting easier but this? To think I had to draw schematics and read em too. I sure will miss the lack of required CW too. Just no incentive any more. **cash and carry** is the game.



I hope many of you will be at Visalia, I know I will be there on Thursday. Arriving on Friday and staying up late gives me very little rest for the weekend. Many years ago I attended a convention in Fresno and met some folks who knew the original owner of my call, Carl Lewis . My call then was WA6NRQ. After a long break and not being active I went to Visalia and met some of the same folks. This time my call was W6NRQ. One of the guys all most had a heart attack. You see Carl had died in 78. (I think) To make a long story short, these same folks also knew Art and Casey and a few others from the Old Gas House Gang. I didn't see John last year and I hope he makes it this year.

It always amazes me that when you have nothing to say a whole bunch of nothing comes out.

So if it is OK with you I will close and say . See you at the March meeting.
your friend and mine, ME.

LATE BREAKING NEWS
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Press Release

February 19, 2007

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The PR 20P Pink Pearl was developed as a breast cancer awareness project with the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Emblazoned with the pink ribbon on a pink pearl finish, ten percent of the retail sale price and a minimum guaranteed donation of \$6,800 will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for the purpose of raising the awareness of breast health and breast cancer.

“ Our own family has been affected by this terrible disease, and this is our way of helping raise the awareness of breast cancer,” says Sarah Heil, Vice President of Heil Sound. “Early detection is the key to beating this thing and if we can help through being proactive in the Amateur Radio industry, then the Pink Pearl will have been a success.”

For more than 20 years, the Komen Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs. Working through a network of U.S. and international Affiliates and events like the Komen Race for the Cure®, the Komen Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by funding research grants and supporting education, screening, and treatment projects in communities around the world.

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Greetings.

Attached please find a Press Release, from Heil Sound., Ltd., outlining the introduction of three new microphones to our product line. Originally crafted for our pro "Spotlight" series, these microphones are also of significant interest to Amateur Radio operators seeking outstanding, very natural-sounding audio.

The PR 20 Pink Pearl, crafted as a breast cancer awareness fund raiser for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, is particularly attracting interest from female radio operators throughout the world.

Thank you for your attention!

Cordially yours, Chip Margelli, K7JA

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THE VEEP

I think we can all agree that February's meeting was a good one. Fred Bongard presented a great program about his son, Reid, K6LRB, making his own first transmitter with the guidance of Wayne Spring. It brought back memories for a lot of members about their first "Elmer". I believe there will always

be young people who will get inspired by something or someone; and if they are lucky, an Elmer will be there to nurture the inspiration. A lot of people have the feeling that ham radio will eventually dwindle away. I believe there will always

be an interest. Most kids are into computers, Ipods, game machines, etc. But, there will be those who want to be different, to stand out and be envied by his peers. Ham radio and the pursuit of bigger and better radios and antennas, and the

competition of catching that rare DX station, will always be the lure. I also believe that same scenario will keep CW alive. Again, because it is different, it is fun, and it is secret. It is having that secret code that only a few can communicate in. As a kid, that's a great incentive to learn. At the upcoming Visalia convention, the Northern DX club will be highlighting how to get young people involved in ham radio. So, keep the faith, and maybe someday you will find yourself in that rare position to be someone's Elmer.



February's meeting also celebrated Valentine's Day. Cookies, cupcakes, and punch was enjoyed by all. And, for the ladies, two tickets for gift certificates were drawn for two lucky ladies to take their beau out for dinner at an Outback Steak House. Marilyn, N6GIL, and myself were those two lucky girls. And, of course, Skip and Wayne.

Next month's program will be one you won't want to miss. Bob Grimmick, N6OX, will be presenting the fun adventure of his latest DXpedition to Burkina Faso, XT2C. I'm sure looking forward to hearing all about it and I know you are too.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for Visalia. Not much time left for early registration. And I highly recommend you get your hotel/motel reservation if you haven't done so yet. From what we hear and read, it looks like the Northern Cal. DX club will be hosting a really good convention.

Till next month, enjoy the hunt for DX.

88's, Sharon – K6IRD

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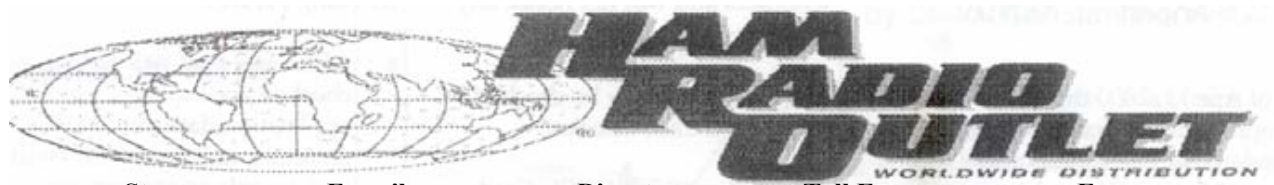
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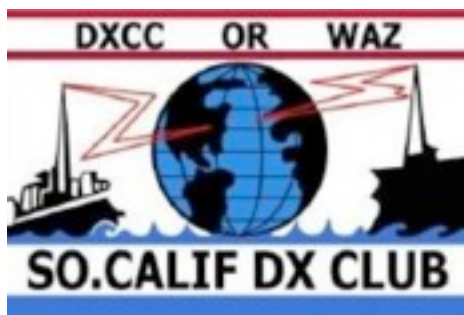
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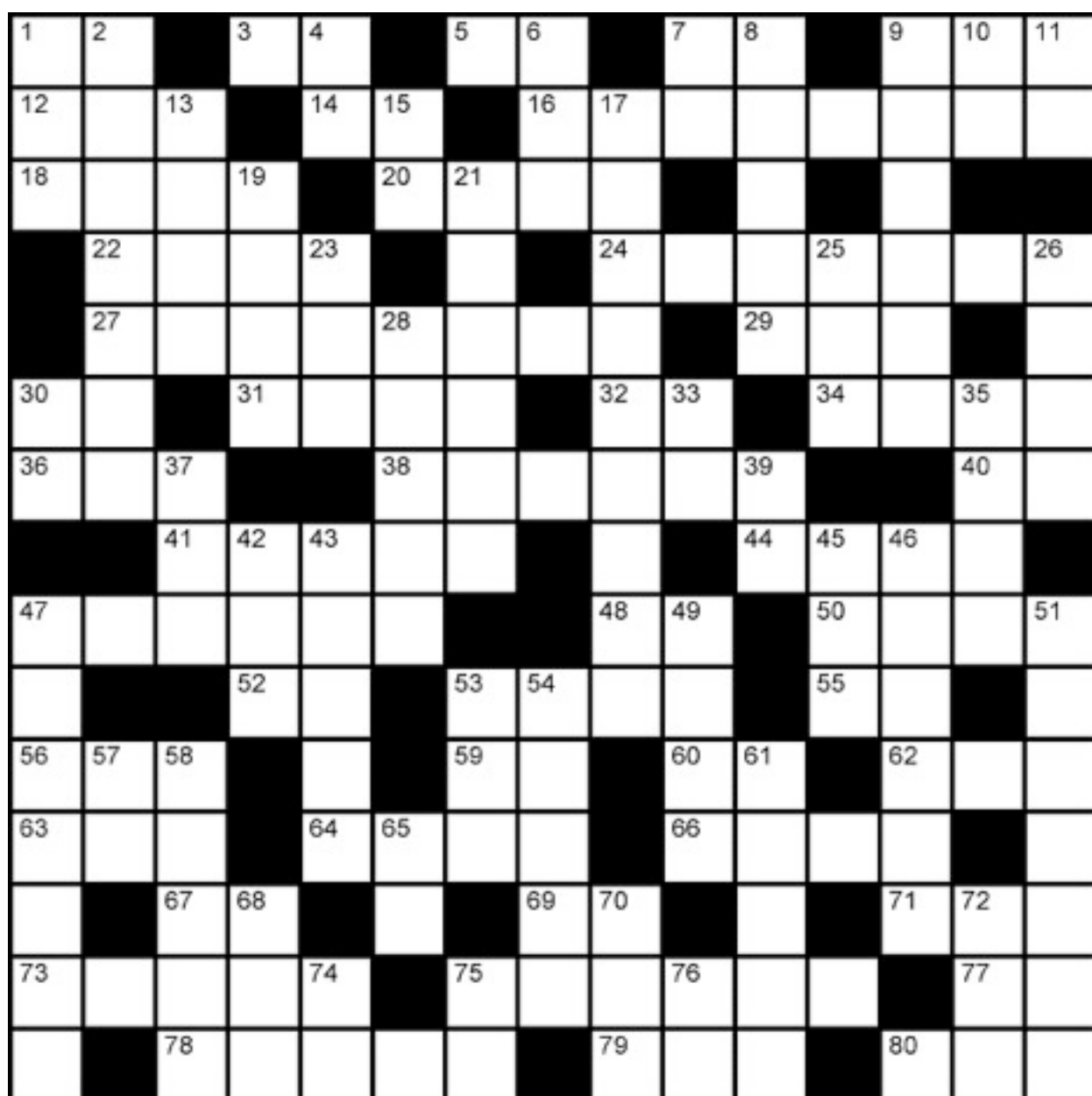
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SOMETHING TO DO WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

February 16, 2007 ARRL

Not the usual ham air waves...literally the air this time. Since your puzzle editor is currently on a plane, you get to join me! This week's puzzle tends to steer in the direction of all things airplane--some radio, some aviation, and the usual collection of oddballs.



ACROSS

1. Sixth district (postal code)
3. RTTY tuning signal
5. Negative reply
7. Too much (slang abbr)
9. Software (abbr)
12. What planes travel through
14. Measure of battery energy
16. Air travel checkpoint
18. Bladed device that propels
20. Proper form of ain't
22. Divulge a secret
24. Leave the ground
27. Height above ground
29. Conduit material
30. Semiconductor junction
31. Worn to simulate darkness in a simulator
32. Doesn't work (abbr)
34. Documents the passing of an element
36. Find bearing to a transmitter (abbr)
38. Seat at the side of the plane
40. Female ham
41. Western contest
44. Round tin that held a famous QRP transmitter
47. The worst seat of three in a row
48. Canadian postal code for VE9
50. Natural form of silicon dioxide

ACROSS CONTINUED

52. The equator runs through it (SA prefix)
53. Where you embark or disembark
55. Battery-powered auto
56. Keeps volume constant
59. Radians in half a circle
60. Opposite of UD on a joystick
62. Improves strong-signal capability on Kenwood rigs
63. Formal notice of fine from FCC
64. Admit (slang)
66. Move to a runway
67. Opposite of 20 Across
69. Mississippi delta state (postal code)
71. Broadband technology
73. Radio mentor
75. Walk through this between the plane and terminal
77. Iron's chemical symbol
78. Light wood
79. Alternate form of transport to planes
80. Navigation station

DOWN

1. Limit or maximum
2. Frequency range used by pilots
4. Afghanistan prefix
6. Possess
7. Cartesian coordinates
8. Connections to a hub
9. Airplane drivers
10. After-dinner CW farewell
11. Has no contents (abbr)
13. Tip to the right or left
15. CW laugh
17. Service person in the air
19. Airplane trajectory
21. Production facility for audio-video
23. Personal history (abbr)
25. General term for EMI, RFI, TVI (abbr)
26. Put gas in the plane
28. Field control
30. Two of something (abbr)
33. Proceed
35. The blue-ish color in a three-color system
37. Your FCC ID
39. Weight (abbr)
42. Radars that look over the curve of the earth
43. Non-stimulating coffee
45. Put to work

DOWN CONTINUED

46. General name of navigation station
47. Selected for communications
49. Must be fastened securely before takeoff
51. Shift in frequency due to velocity
53. Satellite navigation system
54. Seat easiest to get in and out of
57. Wire size (abbr)
58. Increase 27 Across
61. Determines range and bearing by using radio pulses
65. Electromagnetic (abbr)
68. What a plane might ditch into
70. The system that controls air travel
72. Third Silicon Valley airport along with OAK and SJC
74. Circuits that delay changes in current
75. Ham prefix in Tokyo
76. Original home of Boeing Aircraft Company (postal code)

ANSWER

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Jeff, K6JW
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